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SUBJ: USG SURVEY OF SAG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR: COAST

GUARD SURVEY

REF : STATE 29517

1. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT A SURVEY OF THE SAG COAST GUARD WILL BE IN OUR INTEREST AND THAT THE U.S. COAST GUARD HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO UNDERTAKE THE SURVEY.

2. WITH THE DEPARTURE FROM RIYADH (AND JANUARY 31 RETIREMENT FROM THE USG) OF COAST GUARD ADVISOR CAMPBELL WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF DETAILED INFORMATION DESIRED IN PUTTING TOGETHER COAST GUARD SURVEY TEAM. TO FILL THE GAP WE RECOMMEND EITHER CONSULTATION WITH FORMER CG ADVISOR CAMPBELL OR THE INCLUSION IN THE PRESENT SURVEY TEAM OF ONE OR TWO CG OFFICIAL QUALIFIED TO DRAW UP TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MORE DETAILED SURVEY.

3. IN PARTIAL ANSWER TO REFTTEL, SAG COAST GUARD RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: ANTI-SMUGGLING; SEARCH AND RESCUE; ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL; OFFSHORE PROTECTION OF OIL INSTALLATIONS; NAVIGATION AIDS ON THE HIGH SEAS AND IN ALL BUT THE MAIN COMMERCIAL PORTS.

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARINE NAVIGATION AIDS IS SHARED WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. THERE IS NOW AN INTERNAL DIS-

CUSSION WITHIN THE SAG AS TO WHAT MINISTRY OR AGENCY COULD BEST HANDLE NAVAIDS. THERE APPEARS TO BE AGREEMENT THAT RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD NOT BE SPLIT. HOWEVER THE QUESTION IS DECIDED, BELIEVE THE U.S. COAST GUARD SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DO A THOROUGH SURVEY OF MARINE NAVAIDS. WITH THE SUEZ CANAL PERHAPS SOON TO OPEN WE CAN ANTICIPATE INCREASED SEA TRAFFIC IN THE RED SEA AS WELL AS IN THE GULF. INSTALLATION OF UP-TO-DATE NAVIGATION AIDS WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE SAFETY OF THAT SHIPPING. IT WILL ALSO PRESENT A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS.

5. COULD A ONE OR TWO-MAN COAST GUARD PRE-SURVEY TEAM BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN THE PRESENT \$385,000 ALLOCATED FOR THE MININT SURVEY? IN ANY CASE, COAST GUARD AND AID/OPS CAN DRAW IN 1969 SURVEY OF COAST GUARD/FRONTIER FORCES DONE JOINTLY BY DEPART OF THE ARMY AND AID/OPS WITH COAST GUARD PARTICIPATION. THIS SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN DEFINING TERMS OF REFERENCE.  
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